

Appl. No. 10/660223
Reply to Office action of 9/17/2004

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 7 have been amended. Claims 2-6 and 9 have been canceled. Claims 10-11 have been added. Claims 1, 7-8, and 10-11 remain pending. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application, as amended, are requested.

The Examiner objected to the Specification. The Examiner's comments have been considered and appropriate amendments have been made. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner objected to claim 3. Claim 3 has been written in independent form as claim 10, and the Examiner's comment has been considered.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4 and 5 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Hattori. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2. Claims 4 and 5 have been canceled. In view of this, the rejection is moot.

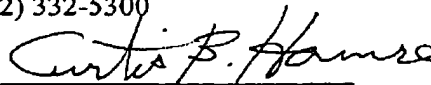
Claim 9 was rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Hattori. Claim 9 has been canceled.

Claims 2, 3 and 6-8 were rejected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise, allowable. Claims 2, 3 and 6 have been rewritten in independent form as claims 1, 10, and 11.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are requested. Allowance of claims 1, 7-8, 10-11 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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